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1066, 1258

Chair of Urban Affairs, has selected LB 1258 as the committee priority; Senator Preister has selected LB 717; Senator Engel, LB 1004.

Mr. President, your Committee on Transportation and Telecommunications reports LB 970 to General File; LB 188, to General File with amendments; and LB 968 to General File with amendments. And Revenue Committee reports LB 942, LB 944, LB 1066 to General File. Those are signed by the respective chairs. That's all that I have, Mr. President. (Legislative Journal, pages 373-375.)

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. The next item on the agenda, please.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 482, introduced by Senator Matzke at the request of the Governor. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 14 last year, at that time referred to the Revenue Committee. The bill was advanced to General File. I do have committee amendments, Mr. President, and an amendment to the committee amendments.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Matzke, would you like to open on LB 482.

SENATOR MATZKE: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, last year I introduced LB 482 at the request of the Governor. It provided an annual refundable income tax credit for every child who was adopted. That bill went to the Revenue Committee. And after a hearing was held and studied by the Revenue Committee at some length, and the Revenue Committee virtually redesigned the bill, and I'm sure that Senator Wickersham will explain the details of the Revenue Committee's committee amendments. The Revenue Committee revised it significantly. The committee amendments replace the original bill with a new provision to limit the benefits of the bill to state wards, children who have become state wards by court decision. And it provides a \$1,000 per year payment to those families who have adopted state wards for a period of five years. I think frankly that the Revenue Committee has done an excellent job in focusing this bill in an area of greater need than the original bill. I will go into some of the details of what constitutes a state